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SUBJ: INITIAL WEST BANK PRESS REACTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S
PRESS CONFERENCE

1. WEST BANK PRESS DECEMBER 30 IS HOSTILE TO CARTER
STATEMENTS AT DECEMBER 28 PRESS CONFERENCE, AND
REACTS NEGATIVELY IN EDITORIAL OPINION ALTHOUGH SOME
PAPERS WITHHOLD OPINION ALTOGETHER.

2. LEFT WING "AL FAJR" PRESENTS NEWS OF CARTER STATEMENTS --
IN PRAISE OF BEGIN'S PLAN AND REJECTING PALESTINIAN STATE --
WITHOUT COMMENT, DEVOTING EDITORIAL TO VAGUE, OMINOUS WARNING
TO SADAT OF THE "CONCEALED ELEMENT" AHEAD WHICH WILL OVERTURN
HIS PLANS.

3. MORE MODERATE "AL QUDS," STARTING FROM OPINION (MOST
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GENEROUS FOR WEST BANK DAILY) THAT ISRAELI STAND NOT
FINAL AND BODED "BETTER HOPES" FOR THE FUTURE, COMPLAINS
THAT CARTER SUPPORTED THAT STAND TOO EARLY IN A MOVE
THAT "DOES NOT REFLECT ANY WISDOM AND TACT." THE BEGIN
PLAN HAD A WAY TO GO BEFORE NEEDING CARTER'S IMPRIMATUR,
ACCORDING TO PAPER. SPECIFICALLY, THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT
FAILED TO UNDERSTAND THAT "NO DURABLE AND JUST PEACE" CAN

COME TO THE AREA WITHOUT GIVING THE PALESTINIANS MORE
THAN THE BEGIN PLAN NOW OFFERS.

4. "AL QUDS" CALLS THE CARTER STATEMENTS AN UNGENTLEMANLY
REVERSAL OF HIS PREVIOUS ADVOCACY OF A "PALESTINIAN HOMELAND."

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH INFORMED MOLDERS OF WEST BANK OPINION
WERE AWARE THAT PRESIDENT'S VIEW FAVORING NON-INDEPENDENT
PALESTINIAN ENTITY WAS NOT NEW, RESTATEMENT COMING ON TOP
OF SHARP DISAPPOINTMENT AFTER ISMAILIA, COUPLED WITH FAVORABLE
REMARKS CONCERNING BEGIN PLAN, PROBABLY PROVOKED SHARP
NEGATIVE REACTION. SECRETARY'S REPORTED CLARIFICATION THAT
US NOT 100 PERCENT BEHIND BEGIN'S PLAN MAY AMELIORATE NEGATIVE
REACTION SOMEWHAT AS HOPEFULLY REALIZATION SINKS IN THAT
WE ARE AT THE BEGINNING OF WHAT MAY BE A LENGTHY
NEGOTIATION.
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